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TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals

RE: Release of Draft TIP Amendment 07-18 for Comment

The federally required TIP is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area surface transportation projects that receive federal funds or that are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant. Apart from some improvements to the region's airports, seaports, and privately owned bus and rail facilities, all significant transportation projects in the region are part of the TIP, including transit, highway, local roadway, bicycle and pedestrian investments. All projects included in the TIP are consistent with the long-range transportation plan, the *Transportation 2030 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*.

TIP Amendment 07-18 for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area has been released for public comment. This amendment amends in \$159 million in Urban Partnership Program (UPP) grants towards 12 projects in San Francisco, Marin and Alameda counties. Specifically, Amendment #07-18 adds funding into ten (10) exempt projects, two (2) new non-exempt projects and updates the funding and scope for another non-exempt project. The amendment also updates the scope and funding of the LAVTA Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in Alameda County.

Federal regulations also require an opportunity for public comment prior to TIP approval. Copies of TIP Amendment 07-18 and its Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis are available for public review at the MTC-ABAG Library, 101 Eighth Street and on the MTC Web site at: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/hearings/draft_amendments.htm.

Written comments may be submitted to MTC's Public Information Office at: 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607 or faxed to MTC at (510) 817-5848 or sent via e-mail to info@mtc.ca.gov. Written comments are due by 1:00 p.m., December 10, 2007. For more information, call MTC's Public Information Office at (510) 817-5787.

The final TIP Amendment 07-18 and Air Quality Conformity Determination are scheduled for adoption by MTC on December 19, 2007. Once approved by the Commission, the documents will then be forwarded to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval and inclusion into the Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

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